

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS

— OF THE —

TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH 1, 1880.

Report of the Selectmen.

The Town at the annual meeting in March, 1879, voted to raise these sums :

For State tax.....	\$ 2,836 00
County tax.....	2,904 19
Schools	2,400 00
Roads and bridges	1,000 00
Town officers	800 00
Paupers	800 00
Interest on town bonds.....	1,700 00
Incidentals.....	1,200 00
Cemeteries.....	200 00
Highways	2,000 00

\$ 15,840 19

Selectmen added, 530 35

\$ 16,370 54

TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN,

in account with GEORGE OLCOTT, *Treasurer.***Cr.**

Balance March 1st, 1879.....	\$ 831 32	
H. Hull, col'r taxes, 1875 and 1876,	64 03	
B. Whipple, collector taxes, 1877,	35 99	
H. B. Viall, " " 1874,	51 89	
" " " 1878,	272 00	
" " " 1879,	8128 32	
" collector dog tax, 1879,	90 00	
E. Cooley, rent of store,.....	90 00	
E. L. Cushing, liquor fines,.....	100 00	
Charles Gay, county paupers, ...	322 84	
Bounties on animals,.....	16 60	
J. Cobb, liquor agent,.....	108 00	
Town Farm account,	195 27	
Railroad tax,.....	1071 65	
Savings Bank tax,.....	2005 89	
Literary fund,	138 38	
Geo. S. Bond, rents, Town Hall,	10 40	
Chas. Gay, wood from Cemetery,	7 50	
		<hr/> \$ 13,540 08

Dr.

Paid for Cemetries,.....	\$ 153 80	
Roads and bridges,.....	951 22	
Town officers,	796 32	
Incidentals,	1948 71	
Schools,	2572 91	
County paupers,	303 15	
Town paupers,.....	220 70	
Town debt,	4078 97	
Town farm,	523 50	
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Balance due Town,	1990 80	
		<hr/> \$ 13,540 08

Schools.

Paid Michael Hearn, District No. 11,		75 23
J. P. Bates,	" "	10 00
John Brown,	" "	32 50
James Jardine,	" "	55 00
Geo. S. Bond,	" "	2 and 3, 400 00
Mrs. L. S. Powers,	" "	43 00
A. C. Way,	" "	14, 51 50
James W. Fisk,	" "	9, 55 00
J. P. Bates,	" "	1, 45 00
H. H. Miller,	" "	8, 53 00
Michael Hearn,	" "	11, 40 00
Mrs. E. M. Farwell,	" "	6, 70 85
Mark Lane,	" "	12, 32 00
Watson J. Walker,	" "	7, 48 00
James Jardine,	" "	4, 45 00
A. C. Way,	" "	14, 37 25
Mrs. L. Powers,	" "	5, 30 00
"	" "	5, 35 00
James W. Fisk,	" "	9, 50 00
A. C. Way,	" "	14, 38 15
George S. Bond, Swan Fund,		20 00
" District 2 & 3,		558 46
H. H. Miller,	" "	8, 55 00
John Brown,	" "	13, 64 18
James Jardine,	" "	4, 100 65
Michael Hearn,	" "	11, 52 35
James W. Fisk,	" "	9, 48 00
Mrs. Etta M. Farewell,	" "	6, 103 81
Lewis Lane,	" "	15, Claremont, 22 00
Mrs. S. S. Powers,	" "	5, 79 65
J. P. Bates,	" "	1, 71 00
Watson J. Walker,	" "	7, 96 33
J. A. Cline, for Maps,		55 00

\$ 2572 91

Roads and Bridges.

Paid A. C. Eggleston, breaking roads,		13 55
Michael Meany,	" "	5 50
James S. Putnam,	" "	5 60
Henry J. Dinsmore,	" "	2 00

Paid R. W. Robertson, breaking roads,	3 40
W. L. Parker, " "	1 35
Riley Goodell, " "	13 85
Artemas Adams, " "	2 40
A. D. Hull, labor on highway,	4 00
I. G. Gibson, breaking roads,	1 35
George W. Heyward, breaking roads,	10 30
Riley Goodell,	8 00
Wilber B. Quimby, shingling bridge,	10 00
Ephraim Hill, labor,	7 90
George Burnham, labor near Cheshire bridge,	15 00
A. C. Eggleston,	3 50
J. B. Anderson, breadding roads,	3 00
Metcalf & Johnson, lumber,	15 44
Metcalf & Hamlin,	90
Richard Landon, Agent, land damage,	125 00
John W. Taylor, lumber,	35 77
James Lyons, labor,	1 00
Metcalf & Johnson, lumber and labor,	10 16
Charles Gay, cash paid and lumber and labor,	25 67
Henry Cooley, labor on water,	2 25
A. L. Lane, land damage,	155 00
William Putnam, building road,	158 25
" " extra work on road,	9 50
Lucian Lane, damage on highway,	3 00
Charles Gay, labor on road,	5 50
Edward Myrath, building new road,	45 00
Michael Meany, labor on road,	5 76
Daniel George, for watering trough,	2 00
S. J. Demary, labor,	5 50
Charles Gay, labor,	3 58
Lucian Lane, gravel,	4 00
A. D. Howe, labor,	1 50
A. C. Way, labor,	1 50
H. C. Johnson, watering trough, and paid	
R. R. Allen for snowing bridge,	6 50
James S. Putnam, labor on bridge,	11 10
John W. Taylor, labor,	49 29
John T. Hatch, watering trough,	2 00
William Hamlin, watering trough.	2 00
Mrs. Fanny Dinsmore and others,	125 00
Squire G. Smith, watering trough,	2 00

Paid E. F. Hubbard, watering trough,	2 00
I. G. Gibson, breaking roads,	2 10
Hiram Smith, gravel,	16 25
George H. Powers, gravel,	2 00
Hosea N. Dodge, railing,	2 00
Robert Jaseph, labor,	2 00
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	\$ 951 22

Town Paupers.

Paid M. J. Chamberlain, Strickland family,	\$ 15 00
A. C. Way, " "	8 00
" " " "	10 00
Isaac Tripp, moving Mrs. Garfield } to County Farm, }	2 00
A. C. Way, Strickland family,	8 00
" " " "	10 00
" " " "	10 00
N. G. Brooks, Eb. Corbin,	4 50
A. C. Way, Strickland family,	8 00
" " " "	8 00
H. C. Ellenwood, coffin, &c., G. Gilmore,	16 00
A. C. Way, Strickland family,	10 00
" " " "	8 00
Metcalf & Hamlin, " "	4 90
S. A. Spooner, John A. Spooner,	50 00
G. W. Hamlin, affidavits,	2 00
A. C. Way, Mrs. E. Corbin,	1 50
" " Strickland family,	10 00
" " " "	8 00
Herbert B. Viall, team to county farm,	3 00
W. H. Labaree, Strickland family,	1 20
S. J. Demary, Peter Bashaw,	2 60
Charles Gay, J. Miles, taking care of J. Lynds,	20 00
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	220 70

County Paupers.

Paid J. P. Bancroft, for R. Heyward,	\$ 25 20
F. W. Putnam, Mrs. Derby,	6 00
Frank Fairbanks, J. Travis,	4 00
F. W. Putnam, Lufland family,	1 24

Paid F. W. Putnam, J. Travis,	3 00
“ “ Mrs. Derby,	5 33
Edward Cooley, J. Travis,	5 00
George Hubbard, Mrs. Derby,	9 00
Metcalf & Hamlin, Lufland family,	3 60
F. S. Barbour, D. Straw,	3 03
F. W. Putnam, Lufland family,	3 39
“ Mrs. Derby,	7 98
“ “	5 31
“ “	6 51
Metcalf & Hamlin, A. W. Chase,	20 70
“ D. L. Straw,	12 41
N. G. Brooks, Lufland family,	11 00
F. W. Putnam, Agt., Mrs. Derby,	6 63
G. H. Leet, Mrs. Lucy Leet,	44 00
F. W. Putnam, Agt., Mrs. Derby,	6 61
“ “	4 24
“ “	8 10
R. Robertson, wood for Mrs. Derby,	3 00
F. W. Putnam, Agt., “	5 20
Metcalf & Hamlin, D. L. Straw,	3 50
“ A. W. Chase,	21 58
Metcalf & Hamlin, John Blood,	11 15
“ A. W. Chase,	4 83
L. J. Graves, doctoring “	3 66
J. H. Fuller, care of John Wilder,	12 00
Metcalf & Hamlin, A. W. Chase,	7 93
“ Burbank,	4 33
Richardson Robertson, wood, Mrs. Derby,	6 00
F. W. Putnam, “	6 74
“ “	3 93
Metcalf & Hamlin, pd. A. W. Chase,	4 46
“ “ D. L. Straw,	2 50
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	303 15

Town Farm.

Paid George A. White, hewing ties,	\$ 2 88
Gardner W. Bemis, building sled,	6 40
George W. Parks, services,	96 75
Fred W. Hamlin, saw bill,	25 23
“ “	18 85

Paid Metcalf & Hamlin, store bill,	\$ 38 30
George S. Bond, stove,	35 50
S. N. Corbin, labor,	10 50
C. L. Corbin & Co.,	15 84
Metcalf & Hamlin,	55 81
Geo. W. Parks, services,	100 00
Geo. Olcott, Trustee, grass,	9 35
Geo. H. Powers, for use of Pasture,	15 00
Mark Lane, keeping cattle,	3 00
C. L. Corbin & Co.,	16 39
Geo. W. Parks, services,	25 00
M. C. Milliken, blacksmith bill,	14 89
E. Cooley, medicine,	50
Geo. W. Parks, services,	15 00
Wm. H. Labaree, store bill,	1 31
D. W. Parks, blacksmith bill,	5 00
H. B. Viall, Adm'r W. Smith, pasture,	12 00
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	\$523 50

Produce, lumber, etc., sold from the
Town Farm during the year, \$492 27

Cemetery.

Paid Cyrus Blake, labor,	\$ 12 00
Charles Gay, “	2 50
W. J. Walker, labor, old Cemetery.	1 50
Cyrus Blake, labor,	15 00
A. D. Hull, printing notices,	2 75
Edward Whipple, labor,	1 50
Cyrus Blake, “	10 00
H. C. Ellenwood harness.	20 00
Geo. W. Hamlin, Hope Hill Cemetery,	1 00
Herbert B. Viall, team to Alstead,	2 00
H. C. Ellenwood, Sexton, F. Hill Cemetery,	65 95
E. H. Tidd, breaking paths in F. H. Cemetery,	1 00
George S. Bond, labor,	60
Wilber F. Merrill, Sexton, Hope Hill Cemetery	18 00
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	\$ 153 80

Town Debt.

Paid Town Bond, No. 96,.....	\$ 1000 00
Mrs. E. L. Holton, Bond No. 98,	1006 25
Town Coupons,	1790 00
George Olcott, interest on over draft....	282 72
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	\$ 4078 97

Town Officers.

Paid R. W. Robertson, services as auditor.	\$ 3 00
Abel Hunt, " "	3 00
R. W. Piper, supervisor,	8 00
Abel Hunt, " "	8 00
S. L. Fletcher, " "	8 32
H. B. Viall, services as auditor,	4 50
James Finnigan, " constable	10 00
C. C. Kimball, " town clerk,	50 00
George Olcott, " treasurer,	50 00
W. S. Westgate, " constable,	2 50
Herbert B. Viall, " collector,	150 00
L. V. Haskell, " supt. of schools	75 00
S. J. Demary, " selectman,	120 00
Charles Gay, " " and overseer.	154 00
John W. Taylor, " "	125 00
Josiah Cobb, " liquor agent.	25 00
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	\$ 796 32

Incidentals.

Paid Mark Lane, bounty,	1 00
Claremont Manufacturing Co., town reports.	25 00
" " " tax sheets,	4 00
Charles L. Hunt, damage,	1200 00
A. C. Way, sheep killed by dogs.	20 00
Rufus Heywood, bounty,	50
Geo. N. Breed, " "	2 00
Claremont Manufacturing Co., school digest.	3 63
E. Cooley,	1 70
Claremont Manufacturing Co., blank books,	2 50
George Olcott, Ex. B. Whipple, abat. of taxes	25 70
Charles Gay, bounty,	2 50
J. R. Blood, town hall,	7 67

Paid B. Whipple's Est. abat. of taxes,	6 46
C. C. Kimball, tax book and copying,	17 91
Claremont Manufacturing Co., col'r's notices,	6 00
Josiah Cobb, liquor agent,	46 96
“ “	36 75
Fred S. Barbour, “	147 51
Charles Gay, bounty,	3 50
N. G. Brooks, record of births and deaths,	5 50
Samuel Foss,	2 32
J. W. Taylor, bounty,	1 40
J. H. Leonards, damage on horse,	15 00
Charles Gay, attendance at court,	3 80
Hiram Smith, abat. of taxes,	11 95
E. M. Megrath, “ “ “ J. Breed,	1 38
William Daggett, coal for town hall,	20 82
A. W. Chubb, abatement of taxes,	1 05
George Olcott, trustee, “	2 23
George I. Putnam, printing,	2 00
R. Robertson, wood,	4 50
Ira Colby, fees,	5 00
Edward Cooley, snow bill,	3 50
John W. Taylor, expenses to Concord,	} 11 50
to see about Inventory,	
“ paid bounty,	2 00
Rufus Heywood, “	3 00
H. B. Viall, abatement of tax, 1878,	44 23
“ “ “ 1874,	50 00
“ “ “ 1879,	63 11
David E. Farewell, damage to horse on bridge	15 00
H. C. Ellenwood, cleaning gun,	1 00
Joseph Burt, care of town clock,	14 00
C. C. Kimball, stationery, etc.,	23 62
Geo. W. Hamlin, taking depositions,	1 00
Edward Thompson, abatement of tax,	56 13
E. L. Cushing, services as Counsel,	22 38
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\$ 1948 71	

Sheep killed by Dogs.

	No. Sheep.	Amt. claimed.	Amt. to be pd.
Frank Wood,	4	\$ 15 00	\$ 6 56 1-4
Lemuel Rogers,	6	18 00	7 87 1-2
John J. Hatch,	2	6 00	2 62 1-2
Henry W. Hooper,	35	75 00	32 81 1-4
R. W. Piper, 1 lamb &	2	7 00	3 06 1-4
Benj. L. Eaton,	4	12 00	5 25
E. F. Hubbard,	1	5 00	2 18 3-4
R. W. Robertson,	13	39 00	17 06 1-4
John W. Taylor,	3	15 00	6 56 1-4
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1 lamb and 70		\$ 192 00	\$ 84 00

Amount of money, \$84. Per cent, .43 3-4.

Collector's Account.

1878.

H. B. VIALI, *Collector*,

in account with the Town of Charlestown :

Dr.

Balance of tax bills, March 1, 1879,..... \$ 500 00

Cr.

Paid George Olcott, Treasurer,... \$ 272 00

In hands of Collector, 228 00

————— \$ 500 00

1879.

H. B. VIALI, *Collector*,

in account with the Town of Charlestown :

Dr.

Tax bills for 1879,..... \$ 15776 15

Interest collected, 32 36

————— \$ 15808 51

Cr.

Paid County tax, \$ 2904 19

State tax, 2836 00

High School, 800 00

Precinct, 450 00

On dog tax, 90 00

Town Treasurer, interest, ... 32 36

Town Treasurer, 8095 96

In hands of Collector, 600 00

————— \$ 15808 51

Town Indebtedness.

MARCH 1ST. 1880.

Town Bonds, 5 per cent.	\$ 28000 00
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Assets of the Town.

Town farm,	\$ 3500 00	
Personal property,	2270 00	
Town Hall and furniture,	16000 00	
Gravel pits,	225 00	
Town safe,	100 00	
Two road scrapers,	150 00	
One-half of the Lynds place,	200 00	
In hands H. Hull, col'r, 1875-76.	360 95	
" H. B. Viall, col'r, 1878,	228 00	
" " " " 1879.	600 00	
171 copies Town History on hand,	250 00	
B. W. Putnam's note,	67 24	
Bal. due Town in Treas.'s hands,	1990 80	
	<hr/>	\$ 25942 59

Which if deducted from town debt	
would leave a balance of	2057 41

TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN

in account with GEO. S. BOND. Custodian Town Hall :

Cr.

By cash,	\$ 82 91
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Dr.

Paid for labor,	\$ 50 65	
Coal,	8 64	
Oil,	10 72	
Sundries,	2 50	
To Town Treasurer,	10 40	
	<hr/>	\$ 82 91

Town Liquor Agent.

JOSIAH COBB

in account with the Town of Charlestown :

Dr.

Cash from Town for Liquor,	\$ 83 71	
Liquor of Barbour, pd. for by town,	147 00	
Cash for Liquor sold,	166 07	
	<hr/>	\$ 396 78

Cr.

Paid for Liquor,	\$ 164 70	
Town Treasurer,	108 00	
Liquor on hand,	157 74	
	<hr/>	\$ 430 44
Balance in favor of Town,	\$ 33 66	

MARCH 2nd, 1880.

The Selectmen recommend the raising of the following sums for the ensuing year :

For State tax,	\$ 2836 00
County tax,	2913 88
Schools,	2400 00
Roads and Bridges,	800 00
Town Officers,	800 00
Paupers,	600 00
Interest on Town Bonds,	1500 00
Incidentals,	1200 00
Cemeteries,	200 00
Highways,	2000 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES GAY,	}	Selectmen of Charlestown.
SULLIVAN J. DEMARY,		
JOHN W. TAYLOR,		

We have examined the within accounts, and find the same to be correct and properly vouched.

H. B. VIALL,	}	Auditors.
ABEL HUNT,		
R. W. ROBERTSON,		

ANNUAL REPORT,

— OF THE —

Superintendent of Village Schools,

CHARLESTOWN, N. H.

To the Citizens of Districts No. 2 and 3 :

In reviewing the progress of the Public Schools of this village for the past year, we think much faithful work has been performed and with good results. Good, honest labor on the part of scholars and teachers, we had a right to expect, and in this we have not been disappointed.

Our teachers have been untiring in their efforts to make their schools a success, and no class of people in this village has been more conscientious in the discharge of duty.

We pass to special mention of schools.

The North Primary

Was taught by Mrs. Mary Putnam. She is, as you all know, peculiarly fitted for interesting and instructing the younger pupils. Her methods are excellent. Great improvement is noticeable in Reading and Arithmetic.

South Primary,

Taught by Miss Grinnell, still retains its good standing. No one can expect to be promoted from this school who is not well qualified. Good progress has been made in all studies, particularly in Spelling and Arithmetic.

Grammar School.

The first term was taught by Miss Perham of Acworth. During the summer vacation she resigned on account of ill health. This cast a shadow over the whole community, for she had been a very acceptable teacher, and had gained the confidence of all. She has our good wishes for the future.

Your Committee then engaged the services of Miss Laura Stoughton of Michigan, for the remaining school year, and she has discharged her duties faithfully, and with excellent results.

High School.

Mr. Julian Pollard was engaged to take charge of this grade for one term. Being a gentleman and a scholar, he could hardly fail of interesting all under his instruction, but in a short term of ten weeks, not much could be done beyond learning the capacity of his scholars, and making a beginning for future work.

Mr. L. V. Haskell returned for the fall and winter terms. During the winter term, five young men out of the Precinct attended school in order to receive Mr. Haskell's thorough instruction.

Roll of Honor.

As we consider Promptness a corner stone of character, our "Roll" is made up of those scholars who have been very punctual during the year.

NORTH PRIMARY.—Josie Breed, Myrtle Fletcher, Nettie Breed, Lena Sparrow, Myrtle Ellis, Bertha Hunt, Bertha Ellis, George Marston, Rena Randall, Eddie Sumner, Lottie Blanchard, Bertie Sumner, Ruth Spooner.

SOUTH PRIMARY.—Lila Willard, Arnold Hull, Lillie Cooley, Thomas Davis, Myra Foss, Patrick Davis, Josie Hull, Josie Dunsmore, Henry Mace, Mary Morris, Joseph O'Hayer, James O'Hayer.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Mary Lynch, Lizzie Provost, Lizzie Morris, Josie Williams, Gusta Putnam, Flora Stoughton.

HIGH SCHOOL.—Clara Williams, Fred Jardine, Sadie Callahan, Frank Jardine, Louise Dunsmore, George I. Putnam, Lizzie Miller, Maggie Scott, Flora Breed.

N. M. DARRAH,

Sup. Sch. Com. of Dis. No. 2 and 3.

Charlestown, N. H., Feb. 28, 1880.

ANNUAL REPORT,
— OF THE —
Superintending School Committee,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING
MARCH 1, 1880.

I herewith submit the annual report of the common schools of this town. I trust you will pardon me for departing from the time honored custom in the manner of presenting your school report. I deem it more important to say what I have to say in regard to your schools as a whole, rather than speak of the merits and defects of individual schools and teachers. There is no more important interest connected with town affairs than our schools; therefore, they deserve our careful consideration and liberal support. What the future prosperity of this town shall be depends more on the quality and quantity of education given to your children, than to the wealth and enterprize of any of its citizens. What, then, are the condition, needs, and defects of our school system?

Much good work has been done in our schools the past year, but more remains to be done. The world moves. Human knowledge increases. Our schools must be kept abreast of the times. What we want for our schools is not so much mere money, but better management. We must profit by the successes and failures of each successive year. In that way true progress can be made. A year's supervision of your schools has taught me many valuable lessons. I present my convictions to you for what they are worth. In the first place, our schools lack system. There is no proper classification. Scholars of the same age and capabilities pursuing the same studies in the different schools should have a similar classification and their work at the close of each term should be compared. Scholars should not be allowed, either by their own will or by that of their parents, to drop one study for that of another, or pass from one book to another un-

til the proper authorities shall decide upon its expediency. It is fatal to true progress and accuracy in knowledge, and should no longer be tolerated. Our schools once properly classified, better work will be done and much valuable time will be saved. Another fatal error in the management of our schools is the frequent change of teachers. Keep successful teachers from term to term, year to year, even at a sacrifice of shorter terms of school. The most successful schools taught in town this year were those in Districts No. 4 and 14, where the same teachers were hired for the three terms of the year. The schools that have made the least progress during the year have been those which have changed teachers each term.

We have received during the year several valuable acquisitions to the number of experienced and successful teachers in town. Among whom I would mention for the benefit of future committees the names of E. S. Bailey, Laura Stoughton, Jennie N. Putnam, Hattie S. Symonds, Julia B. Jackman, E. S. Jackman and Julia W. Walker. Another gratifying fact to notice, is the number of teachers belonging in town who have creditably and with uniform satisfaction taught in our schools the past year. Ten have thus served us faithfully and well.

Another fault with our schools is that the little ones are neglected, to give more time to the older scholars who are soon to leave the schools. It is a mistaken policy, and should be corrected. No class of scholars need so much the help of the teacher as the youngest. A leading educator of our State has said: "Give me the training of your scholars for the first six years of their school life and I care not who has charge of them after that." A proper attention to this subject will do more to advance our schools than any other reform that can be made. Our teachers do very little work at oral teaching. They confine themselves too closely to the text-books. At least, half the instruction given to the younger class of scholars in our schools, should be imparted orally.

Teacher's Meetings should be held in town under the management of the Superintending School Committee, where methods, government, discipline and other subjects of importance should be fully discussed. Such meetings, properly conducted, would be valuable helps to

teachers, and of incalculable benefit to our schools. The maintenance of such meetings, two or three each term, should be considered one of the duties of the Superintendent. And Prudential Committees in hiring teachers should insist on their attendance upon them. These meetings might be made of general interest and benefit to the town.

I have deemed it best to make certain changes in the text-books of your schools. The wisdom of my action, I am willing to leave to the future results in your schools, to settle. We have a list of text-books now that are approved and are in use in the best schools in New England. There is no reason why the present list of text-books ought not to satisfy every want of our schools for at least the next five years, and probably longer. I cannot refrain from calling your attention to the admirable series of Readers published by Appleton & Co., which were introduced into our Graded Schools one year ago, and which have found their way into some classes in our town schools. The study of Reading in our schools has been sadly neglected. There are very few good readers. Since the introduction of this series of Readers our scholars have improved fifty per cent. in the art of reading. I commend to your careful attention these Readers. As new classes are formed, they should take the place of those already in use. Very little attention is paid to the study of U. S. History and Civil Government in our schools. Scholars, when they arrive at the proper age, should be given thorough instruction in these branches. The art of Writing has been sadly neglected in our schools the past year. Special attention to this subject should be required in all our schools the coming year.

The Sciences, Algebra and Higher Mathematics should not be allowed in our common schools. They interfere with the legitimate studies of the common schools. Their proper place is in the High School, and there alone should they be taught.

A word in regard to our High School. It should be thrown open to the admission of scholars from all parts of the town. The town should contribute to its support. Its influence as a Town High School would be a power for good on our whole school system. I repeat in this

connection, the words of your Superintendent of last year. "This is the place for Charlestown parents to educate their children, and fit their district school teachers for the work needed to be done. A live school here will react in many ways on all, and is the only true economy in these hard times." Composition, writing and speaking should be regular exercises in the schools. An afternoon, once every two weeks during each term, should be devoted to these exercises.

At the commencement of the winter term I tried an experiment with your schools, the success of which deserves its continuance as one of the settled policies in the management of your schools. At the examination of teachers for our winter schools, I gave out definite work in Arithmetic, Geography and English Grammar, for the older scholars in our common schools to perform, and entrusted to the teachers the carrying out of my plans. Near the close of the term I sent to each teacher written examination papers upon each subject for each pupil to write upon. These examinations were passed by all scholars pursuing these studies in the different schools of the town. The best papers from each school were forwarded to me for examination. Upon the merits of this work and oral examinations in my visits upon each school, were awarded prizes in Arithmetic and Geography to the scholars who did the best work. The first annual reunion of our Town Schools, with its spelling and speaking matches, passed off creditably to all who participated, and is a fitting way to close each school year.

I submit with this report an Honor Roll of the most meritorious scholars in the different schools in town, a list of the authorized text-books of the town, and tabulated statements giving general information in regard to the schools.

In conclusion let me express the hope that the town may ever exercise a wise liberality in the support of her schools. If the youth cannot be retained at home, let them be sent abroad into the honorable callings of life, with an affectionate remembrance of the efforts used to give them a good preparation for these callings.

L. VANDERBILT HASKELL.

HONOR ROLL.

PRIZES.

- 1st. Grade Spelling.* Harry Towner, Dist. No. 5, \$2.50. in gold.
 2nd. " " Jennie Lyons, " 9, \$1.00 "
 Best scholar in Arithmetic. Town schools, Edwin S. Hunt.
 Dist. No. 4, \$1.
 Honorable mention in Arithmetic, Chas. P. Hubbard, Dist. No. 7
 Best scholar in Geography and Grammar. Grace W. Robertson, Dist. No. 13, \$1.
 Honorable mention in Map Drawing, Belle and Hattie Albee.
 Dist. No. 13.
 Declamation, 1st. prize, David Hanning; 2nd. prize, Louie Dunsmoor, Dist. No. 2 & 3.

*Lilla Farnum was spelled down on Georgiana, which was wrong in Speller, but authority was afterwards found for her spelling.

SCHOLARSHIP.

- Dist. No. 1, Emily A. Adams, Josie M. Hodgeman.
 Dist. No. 2 & 3. { High school, Arthur G. Smith, George I. Putnam.
 { Grammar,
 { North Primary, Josie Breed, George Marston.
 { South Primary, Lila Willard, Sarah Miler.
 Dist. No. 4, Edwin S. Hunt. Erwin Quimby, Elwin Quimby.
 " 5, Helen L. Towner, Harry Towner.
 " 6, Lilla Farnum, Georgia F. Way.
 " 7, Chas. P. Hubbard, Mary O. Bailey.
 " 8, Coleman H. Waite, Charlie Miller.
 " 9, Wesley S. Putnam, Alvin W. Fiske.
 " 11, Maggie Hearn, Josie M. Hearn.
 " 12, Myrtie B. Green.
 " 13, Grace W. Robertson, Belle S. Albee.
 " 14, Lula Hunt, Byron Way.

Roll of scholars attending school during the year without being absent or tardy :

- Dist. No. 4. Mary Hamlin, Nellie Willard, Emma Dodge,
 Charlie Dodge, Walter Hamlin, Henry Saunders,
 Fred Saunders.
 " 5. Emma S. Putnam.
 " 6. Fannie R. Hamlin, Georgia F. Way, Allen Way.
 " 7. James E. Allen.
 " 11. Josie M. Hearn, Charlie A. Hearn, Henry M.
 Hearn, Peter Hearn.
 " 13. Belle Albee, Hattie A. Albee.
 " 14. Byron Way, Fred E. Way, Stella Way.

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

TABLE I.

Districts.	1	2&3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Total.
Total length of School in weeks	24	34	26	24	22	24	20	28	—	20	10	20	28	—	277
No. of different pupils attending } school during the year, }	19	183	26	30	26	15	18	25	6	15	5	13	19	4	404
No. of Boys,	12	92	20	18	14	9	12	15	3	6	2	6	8	2	219
No. of Girls,	7	91	6	12	12	6	6	10	3	9	3	7	11	2	185
No. of scholars pursuing Reading } and Spelling, }	17	183	23	26	26	14	13	22	—	13	5	11	18	—	397
" pursuing Arithmetic.	17	156	22	21	23	15	13	21	—	5	4	10	16	—	323
" Geography,	8	129	15	15	22	9	7	10	—	5	2	8	13	—	243
" Grammar,	6	48	8	5	10	4	4	8	—	2	—	3	4	—	102
" Penmanship,	10	166	20	9	13	13	13	17	—	5	1	9	18	—	294
" Other Studies,	3	32	4	8	6	2	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	61

GENERAL FACTS.

Whole amount expended in Town Schools, \$ 1560 32. In Graded District, \$ 1778 46.
 Average cost per scholar " " 7 80. " " 11 60.
 Average No. weeks taught " " 21.4 weeks. " " 34 weeks.
 Rate of taxation outside of Graded District, \$.0025. " \$.0034.
 Number of different scholars attending Town Schools during the year, 219. In Graded District, 183.

TABLE II.

Districts.	Prudential Committee.	SPRING TERM. Teacher's Name & Residence.	FALL & WINTER TERM. Teacher's Name & Residence.	S. T. P. T. W. T.	Wages per
No. 1	J. P. Bates,	Emma Safford, Springfield, Vt.	W. H. Dartt, Weathersfield, Vt.	\$18	\$20
	D. G. Stoughton.	J. A. Pollard, Windsor, Vt.	L. V. Haskell,	60	78.25
	G. S. Bond,	Miss Orrie Perham, Acworth,	Miss L. W. Stoughton, Mich.,	40	40
No. 2 & 3	Hiram Smith,	Mrs. W. D. Putnam, Cha'sto'n.	Mrs. W. D. Putnam, Charlestown	32	32
	Mrs. N. M. Darrab,	Miss Louisa H. Grinnell, "	Miss L. H. Grinnell,	32	32
	Supt.,				
No. 4	James Jardine,	Chas. G. Ward, Charlestown,	Chas. G. Ward	24	25
No. 5	Mrs. George Powers,	Miss Eva Fuller, "	Walter Thayer, Acworth,	20	24
			C. E. Whipple, Charlestown,		
			E. S. Jackman, Ascutneyville,		
No. 6	Mrs. D. E. Farewell,	Mrs. A. McCrae, Charlestown,	Miss J. S. Walker, Springfield,	24	32
No. 7	W. J. Walker,	Miss E. L. Walker, "	E. S. Bailey, Claremont,	17	28
No. 8	Herbert Miller,	Miss H. A. Page, "	(Geo. L. Leonard, Springfield, Vt.,	18	20
No. 9	J. W. Fiske,	Miss A. M. Hayward, Acworth	Miss J. B. Jackman, Ascutn'yv'ie,	19½	19.60
No. 10	M. Hearn,	Miss C. E. Williams, Cha'sto'n,	Miss C. B. Heywood, Charlestown,	4	12
No. 11	Mark Lane,	Miss Emma Lane, "			
No. 12	John Brown.	Mrs. John Brown, Charlestown,	Miss Hattie Symonds, Acworth,	16	24
No. 13	Alvah C. Way,	Miss J. N. Putnam, Claremont,	Miss Jennie N. Putnam, Claremont,	18	18.60
No. 14				19	

TABLE III.

DISTRICTS.	No. of Pupils, April, 1879.	Proportion of School Money.	Proport'n to each Pupil.
No. 1,	24	\$ 144.33	\$ 6.01
No. 2 & 3,	198	958.46	4.84
No. 4,	37	200.65	5.42
No. 5,	34	187.65	5.52
No. 6,	31	174.66	5.63
No. 7,	24	144.33	6.01
No. 8,	18	118.31	6.57
No. 9,	26	153.00	5.88
No. 10,	6	33.00	5.50
No. 11,	12	92.35	7.69
No. 12,	7	70.69	10.09
No. 13,	13	96.68	7.43
No. 14,	19	122.67	6.45
No. 15,	4	22.00	5.50
Total,	453	\$ 2518.78	\$ 85.90

List of Text-Books,

IN USE AND APPROVED BY THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COM.

The New Testament ; Webster's Dictionary.
 Readers, "Appleton's" and Analytical,†
 Spellers, Munroe's.
 Writing Books, Payson, Dunton and Scribner's.
 Arithmetics, Greenleaf's Practical, Elementary and Primary.
 Geographies, Harper's School, and Introductory.
 *Grammars, Swinton's Language Lessons, *English Grammar,
 and *School Composition.
 History, Quackenbos'.
 Algebra, *Greenleaf's.
 Book-Keeping, Duff's Common School.
 Physiology, Hutchinson's.
 Botany, Gray's "How Plants Grow."
 Civil Government, Townsend.
 Composition Blanks, Stickney's.

BOOKS OF REFERENCE.

Gow's Good Morals and Gentle Manners.
 Webster's Unabridged Dictionary.
 Chamber's Encyclopedia, (Price \$10, 24 vol's.)

†Appleton's series of Readers to take the place of the Analytical, when *new* classes are formed.

*For High School use only.

State of New Hampshire.

L. S. To the inhabitants of Charlestown, qualified to vote in town affairs :

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said town, on Tuesday the 8th day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

2nd. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

3rd. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of the schools, for the maintenance of the poor, for laying out and repairing highways, building and repairing bridges, and for the necessary charges arising within the town.

4th. To hear reports of Agents or Committees, and pass any votes relating thereto.

5th. To see if the town will vote the use of the Town Hall to the different societies in said town.

6th. To see if the town will vote to allow the sale of Lager Beer and Cider in said town.

7th. To see if the town will vote to establish a High School District in said town, and take any necessary action in regard to existing school district in connection therewith.

8th. To see if the town will vote to adopt as text-books, to be used in its public schools, for the term of five years, all or any part of the text-books now authorized by the school committee to be used in its public schools.

9th. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the support of the fire department.

10th. To see what sum of money the town will raise for scraping of the sidewalks in the village.

11th. To see if the town will vote to set off Herbert L. Frost and Thomas Bailey from school district No. 12, to school district No. 7.

12th. To see if the town will vote to set off John A. Towner, Asher A. Loveland and Forest L. Wellman, from school district No. 5, to school district No. 7.

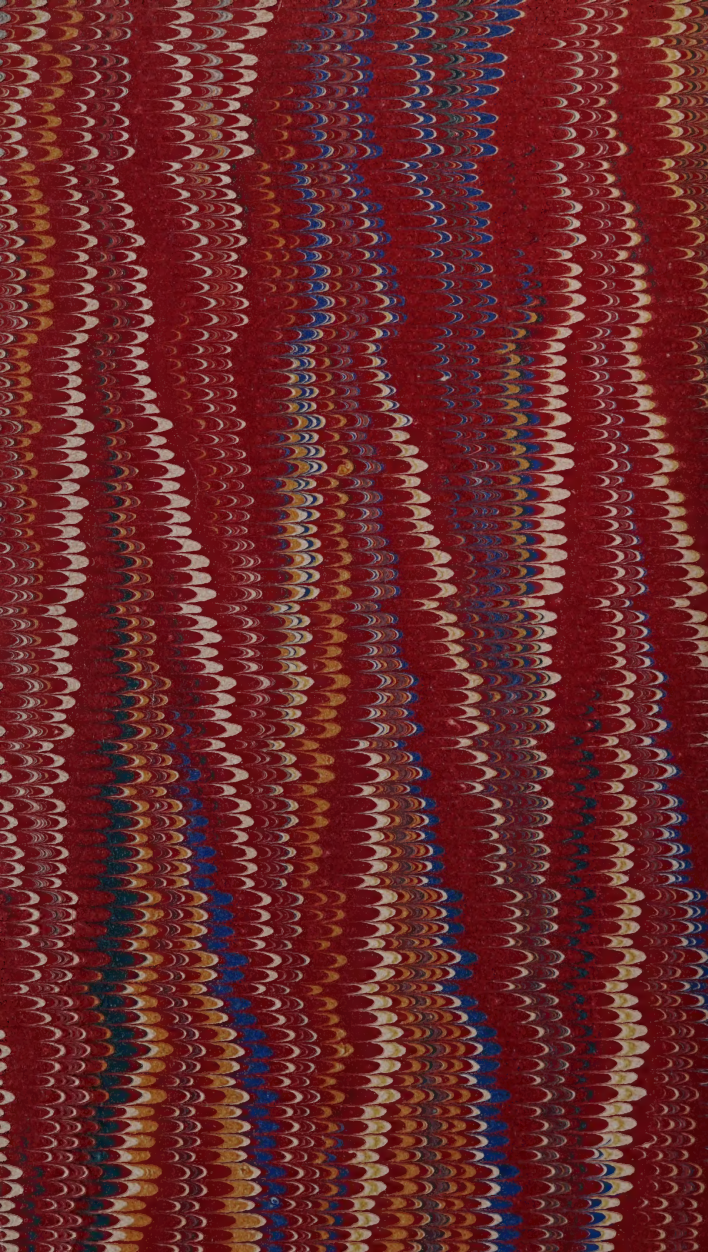
13th. To see what action the town will take in regard to the claim of Charles Hackett for damages.

14th. To see if the town will vote to raise ten per cent. on the grand list to be applied toward the payment of the town debt.

15th. To see what discount the town will make on taxes paid before a specified time.

Given under our hands and seal, this 19th day of February, A. D. 1881.

H. B. VIALL, } Selectmen of
SULLIVAN J. DEMARY, } Charlestown.





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